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SUBJECT: SENATE HEARINGS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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1. DURING SENATOR HUMPHREY'S HEARINGS ON HUMAN RIGHTS
PROFESSOR ROSENBERG STATED US AID WAS SUPPORTING A PROPAGANDA
ARM OF PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT, AND SENATE STAFF HAS NOW ASKED
DEPARTMENT FOR COMMENTS ON ROSENBERG STATEMENTS.

2. FULL TEXT PERTINENT ROSENBERG TESTIMONY FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, U.S. FOREIGN POLICY
SHOULD AVOID ANY LONG-TERM ASSUMPTION OF POLITICAL STABILITY
IN THE PHILIPPINES. IN PARTICULAR, IT SHOULD AVOID ANY
ASSUMPTION OF, OR COMMITMENT TO, THE STABILITY OF THE
MARCOS GOVERNMENT. TO THIS END, THE UNITED STATES SHOULD
NOT PROVIDE ANY FOREIGN AID OR DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT THAT
FACILITATES THE CURRENT PATTERN OF AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENT

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IN THE PHILIPPINES. . . .

THIS ALSO APPLIES TO ECONOMIC AID. FOR EXAMPLE, THE NATIONAL
MEDIA PRODUCTION CENTER HAS RECEIVED AMERICAN AID

EVER SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT. UNDER MARTIAL LAW, IT HAS

BECOME THE PUBLICITY MACHINE OF THE NEWLY-CREATED DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION. IT PROVIDES EDITORIAL MATERIAL FOR THE NEWS MEDIA, THEATRES, TELEVISION AND RADIO, TEXT-BOOKS, COMIC BOOKS, AND EVEN LONG-PLAYING RECORDS OF PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHES. IT EVEN RAN THE LAST MISS UNIVERSE BEAUTY CONTEST. CLEARLY, THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUED U.S. FOREIGN AID TO THIS AGENCY. END QUOTE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS ASAP. INGERSOLL

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